



STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office of Governor Tim Walz

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October 9, 2019

Mr. Joe Kelly
Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management
Minnesota Department of Public Safety
445 Minnesota Street, Suite #223
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear Director Kelly:

Based upon supporting documents provided to me by the Department of Public Safety – Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, I have determined that damage in certain areas of Blue Earth, Cottonwood, Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Houston, Le Sueur, Wabasha, and Winona counties resulting from severe thunderstorms with damaging winds, heavy rainfalls, and flooding during the period July 16-20, 2019 is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant the use of the State Public Disaster Assistance fund, as described under Minn. Stat. §12B.

In order to provide state public disaster assistance, I hereby designate you as my authorized representative so that you may:

- allocate such amounts as you find necessary for state disaster assistance from funds available for these purposes;
- provide public assistance in the designated area; and
- provide additional assistance if requested by a local government; and warranted by the results of further damage assessments, to the extent allowable under Minn. Stat. §12B.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Walz".

Tim Walz
Governor

Cc: Commissioner John Harrington, Minnesota Department of Public Safety
Commissioner Myron Frans, Minnesota Department of Management and Budget
Will Purvis, Blue Earth County Board Chair
Robert Meyer, Blue Earth County Administrator
Mike Maurer, Blue Earth County Emergency Management Director
Norman Holmen, Cottonwood County Board Chair
Kelly Thongvivong, Cottonwood County Coordinator

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